



# ΝΟΣΤΟΣ

## COMMENDATIONS for commitment and effort

**Michael Loizou  
Yiannis Woodruff and  
Aris & Zacharias Phoka**

Deserve a special commendation for community service at our local church, St. Nectarios.

**Marios and Loukas 'the zeimbekiko dancers'**

Represented our school in a dance competition held in North London last year. Well done guys!

**Angeliki Scudamore  
Darius Papavassiliou and  
Andriana Georgiou**

Are all classroom assistants. Their support and commitment to the staff and children at the school is invaluable.

Our bouzouki, guitar and piano lessons are on a crescendo!

Thanks to George and Demetri our music teachers!

Αγαπητοί γονείς, παιδιά και φίλοι του παροικιακού μας σχολείου, με την έναρξη της νέας χρονιάς 2008 ξεκινούμε και πάλι μια βελτιωμένη επικοινωνία μαζί σας με το ανανεωμένο πληροφοριακό δελτίο **ΝΟΣΤΟΣ** που θα εκδίδεται κάθε τρίμηνο. Σ' αυτό θα δείτε πολλά και διάφορα σε σχέση με τη ζωή και λειτουργία του σχολείου μας. Η επιθυμία μας είναι πάντα να σας έχουμε ενήμερους με όλες της δραστηριότητες αλλά και γενικά με τα επιτεύγματα των παιδιών μας. Αυτό το μήνα στις 30 Ιανουαρίου θα γιορτάσουμε τους Τρεις Ιεράρχες. Στα χρόνια της Τουρκοκρατίας οι πρόγονοι μας καθιέρωσαν τη μέρα αυτή των τριών ιεραρχών ως μέρα των Ελληνικών γραμμάτων, της παιδείας και ως σχολική εορτή,

τιμώντας έτσι την αγιοσύνη των τριών ως πατέρων της εκκλησίας και συγγραφέων. Η επίτευξη του συγκερασμού της αρχαίας ελληνικής γραμματείας και φιλοσοφίας, με τη χριστιανική πίστη, βοήθησαν την εξελικτική πορεία του νέου Ελληνικού κράτους.

Please support your children and learn more about the 'Saints of Letters' in our assembly on 2/2/08 at 1:00pm. Keep your eyes open for articles about our Community School in the Croydon Guardian and Advertiser!

Half term: Sat 23rd and Tues 26th February.

We are now accepting CVs for the post of **School Administrator**. All enquiries telephone: 07956666516



## Current news roundup

**September:** We welcomed our new dance teacher Christos Papalekkas (a member of a top Greek-dance troop) to the school. **Well done** to all involved in the enrolment process. It was a smooth and swift start to the year. **October:** A dazzling night was had by all at the first joint fireworks evening held at the school. Sparks flew and helped ignite a strong community spirit. Our tuck shop has been given a facelift! New healthier options now available. Please see the letter distributed on 6th October about what your child is allowed,

child is allowed to bring in. Remember we are a NUT FREE school. **November:** Antonia Kastelanides and Androulla Scudamore represented our school at the conference for Community Schools, "Diversity, Success and Partnership". We are now members of The National Resource Centre which gives us access to funding and free Professional Development for staff. **December:** Our Christmas nativity was a great success. Thanks to all the pupils who took part. A big thank you to all Committee members and parents

who made it possible. This truly was a 'family Christmas'! **January:** Our guest speaker this term is an ex-pupil of the school. He is coming to talk to the children about his work as a community policeman. **Competitions** We are proud to announce that Manousios Kourkoulos came second in a competition on Greek Civilisation run by SOAS last year. He was awarded £20 for his work. New **YOGA** class every Tuesday at our school from 6:30pm to 7:30pm with a qualified instructor. See Antonia for details.

## Important dates

Holy Hierarchs (Saints of Letters)	30 Jan
Apokries Start of Lent Orthodox Sunday	2nd 10th 16th March
Annual Dinner & Dance	15th March